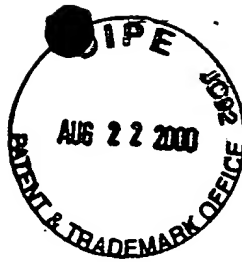


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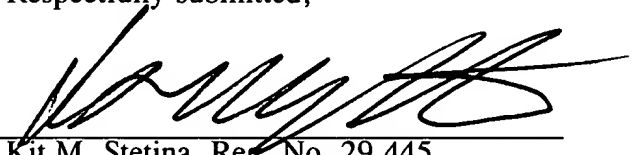
I, Kit M. Stetina, a registered patent lawyer and attorney of record in the above-identified patent application, declare the following:

1. I am thoroughly familiar with the contents of the subject patent application, claims, and drawings;
2. I have reviewed and discussed at length the prospective manufacturing relationship that Applicant intends to pursue with a major medical device manufacturer, and am aware that such manufacturer is willing to commit substantial capital and facilities to manufacture the medical devices that are the subject of such application should a patent be granted therefor;
3. I have made a careful and thorough examination of the prior art, all of which has been made of record in the present application, and have determined that at least one or more of the pending claims of the subject patent application are allowable.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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